

## OPINION 1143

**KERRICHIELLA ROSANOV, 1965 (HYMENOPTERA):  
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY  
POWERS**

RULING — (1) Under the plenary powers, all fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Kerrichiella* Rosanov, 1965, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Thysanus coleopratus* Kerrich, 1953, is hereby designated as type species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Kerrichiella* Rosanov, 1965 (gender: feminine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Thysanus coleopratus* Kerrich, 1953, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2094.

(3) The specific name *coleopratus* Kerrich, 1953, as published in the binomen *Thysanus coleopratus* (specific name of type species of *Kerrichiella* Rosanov, 1965) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2696.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 2063

An application for the use of the plenary powers to vary the type species of *Kerrichiella* Rosanov, 1965, was first received from Dr B.R. Subba Rao (*Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London*) on 28 February 1974. It was sent to the printer on 5 April 1974 and published on 31 December 1974 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31: 221–222. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials and to seven entomological serials.

The application was supported by Dr David Rosen (*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*), Dr Oswald Peck and Dr Carl M. Yoshimoto (*Biosystematics Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada*), Dr J.S. Noyes (*British Museum (Natural History) London*) and Dr Z. Boucek (*Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London*). No adverse comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 September 1978 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1978)24 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31: 221. At the close of the voting period on 27 December 1978 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21), received in the

following order: Melville, Holthuis, Brinck, Eisenmann, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Vokes, Willink, Habe, Tortonese, Binder, Corliss, Welch, Heppell, Ride, Bayer, Kraus, Nye, Sabrosky, Dupuis, Bernardi

Negative Votes – none (0).

Cogger abstained from voting. No voting paper was returned by Starobogatov.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

*Ride*: "My vote is conditional upon the Secretary ascertaining that there is no usage of the generic name *Kerrichiella* in the sense required by *S. giraulti* Crawford. If there is such usage, the current application would, if successful, result in a transfer of names, and the Commission should be asked to adopt the solution provided by Article 70a(iii) rather than 70a(i)." [Dr Subba Rao replied that he knew of no usage of *Kerrichiella* other than in the sense of his application. R.V.M.]

*Cogger*: "I abstain from voting on the grounds that the application does not provide the information necessary to judge the case in terms of Article 70a. The application of this Article is to ensure that a type species is chosen that will ' . . . best serve stability and universality of nomenclature'. This issue is not addressed by the applicant, who provides no information on current usage."

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*coleoptratus*, *Thysanus*, Kerrich, 1953, *Bull. ent. Res.* (London), vol. 44: 802

*Kerrichiella* Rosanov, 1965, *Ent. Obozr. Moscow*, vol. 44: 869, 878, 880

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P. (78)24 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1143.

R.V. MELVILLE *Secretary*  
*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*  
London 4 April 1979